

# **EXHIBIT O**

**From:** "Barley, Sarah" <Sarah.Barley@HARPERCOLLINS.com>  
**To:** 'Emily Sylvan Kim' <esk@prospectagency.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Masqued  
**Date:** Thu, 21 Jun 2012 22:17:39 +0000

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Dear Emily,

I've just gotten back in the office after a couple of weeks away (mostly for work, but a few days of vacation--joy!) and am catching up on things . . . and have found, to my horror and disgrace and embarrassment, that I have no record of ever having gotten back to you about MASQUED. Mea culpa!

So! I did indeed read the manuscript, and I was intrigued by the prologue, as I wrote--and then I felt things sort of lost steam! Not in terms of pacing, which was great, but some of the plot elements were feeling a little familiar. I liked the tarot twist on things, but was hoping for something a bit more off the beaten paranormal path! That's just me, though, and given the strong writing you have here, I can imagine another editor feeling differently.

I'm sorry for not getting back to you in a reasonable time frame, Emily. Thank you for sharing MASQUED with me--I look forward to seeing where it lands!

All best, and thanks,  
Sarah

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Sylvan Kim [mailto:[esk@prospectagency.com](mailto:esk@prospectagency.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 3:12 PM  
To: Barley, Sarah  
Subject: Re: Masqued

Hi Sarah,

Oh I am so glad the first pages grabbed you! My fingers are crossed that you'll love the rest!

Emily

On 2/21/12 1:37 PM, "Barley, Sarah" <Sarah.Barley@HARPERCOLLINS.com> wrote:

> Hi Emily,  
>  
> Ooh--sounds intriguing! I would, of course, be delighted to take read  
> MASQUED and it's already downloaded onto my handy ereader. I just love  
> the title! I took a peek at the first couple of pages because I  
> couldn't help myself and can't wait to read the rest!  
>  
> Thank you so much for thinking of me! I'm only sorry you had to do so  
> on a Saturday. I hope that you were able to get outside and enjoy the  
> rest of the weekend, anyway! :)  
>  
> All best, and thanks,  
> Sarah

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Emily Sylvan Kim [mailto:[esk@prospectagency.com](mailto:esk@prospectagency.com)]  
> Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2012 9:02 AM  
> To: Barley, Sarah  
> Subject: Masqued  
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> Dear Sarah:  
>  
> I hope this email finds you well. I am getting the long weekend  
> started with a little work, but I don't mind because it means I get to  
> email you about a wonderful book I am currently sending out on  
> submission, MASQUED by Lynne Freeman.  
>  
> Before she had an agent, one of Lynne's friends shared the book with  
> some editors at Harper UK and they were all wild about the project and  
> encouraged her to get an agent, which as you can see she did!  
>  
> Our foreign rights agent is currently sharing the book with Harper UK,  
> but I wanted to share it with someone in the US as well, and I think  
> this book might be right up your alley with its blend of strong writing and commercial hook.  
> Set in Alaska (where Lynne lives), this is the story of a girl who is  
> slowly finding out that she is the child of an ancient prophecy, one  
> so powerful that both evil and good forces are looking to annihilate  
> her. And the guys she's falling in love with, one of the good guys,  
> will destroy her too if he figures out what she has the potential to be.  
>  
> The book is out with a few other editors as well in the US, so I've  
> taken the liberty of attaching it here. If it's not for you, no  
> problem, just let me know, but I hope you will read it and love it!  
>  
> All best,  
> Emily  
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